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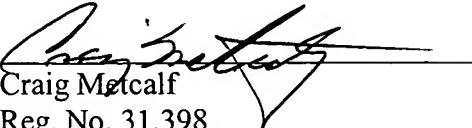
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1. European Patent Application No. EP 1 139 060, published October 4, 2001 discloses: The detonator contains a pyrotechnic charge inside a container. The container is attached to an insulated plug body. The charge is ignited by an electric current fed to a resistance element via connector pins. When connected, a free male socket is inserted in the connection cavity. When the connection is broken, by removal of the socket, a simple mechanism shorts out the pins to prevent inadvertent ignition.
2. European Patent Application No. EP 0 803 700, published October 29, 1997 discloses: The frame of the device has two plane ends with central bores opening on to them. The "lower" bore accepts two wires, each formed of a conductive core and an insulating sheath. The separate "upper" bore houses the pyrotechnic device connected to the wires by two electrodes. Each electrode is terminated at its lower end by a conductive pinch which cuts through the insulation of its wire. Both pinches are compressed by a closing ring which supports the ends of the wires and is snapped permanently into the lower bore.

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